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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Diego – Drug Dealer Found Guilty of Conspiracy For Dark Web Drug Sales

(U) A San Diego man who sold drugs through the so-called dark web has pleaded guilty to conspiracy and agreed to turn over millions of dollars' worth of bitcoins and other digital currencies. Sky Gornik entered a plea yesterday to taking part in a conspiracy to distribute drugs and launder the proceeds. He's facing at least 10 years in federal prison. Prosecutors say Gornik acknowledged that from 2014 to last June, he bought and sold fentanyl, ketamine, oxycodone, methamphetamine and other drugs anonymously through Alpha Bay and other dark web sites.

SOURCE: 1 May 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Three Arrested At Scene of 700-meter-long Mexicali Drug Tunnel

(U) Mexicali – Three men were arrested on 29 April in Mexicali, Baja California, after security forces discovered drugs and a border tunnel between the city and Calexico, California. The men were arrested as they unloaded packages from a dump truck at a home located in the Santa Clara neighborhood about 130 meters from the border. Upon further inspection, state police and soldiers found 460 grams of methamphetamine, along with an AK-47 assault rifle, and located an unfinished 700-meter-long tunnel inside the home. It led towards a commercial center in Calexico. Police had initiated patrols in the area after they were tipped off to suspicious activity in the neighborhood.

SOURCE: 1 May 2018, [Mexico News Daily](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New Jersey – New Jersey Man Sentenced to Eight Years For Providing Material Support to ISIS

(U) Newark – Samuel Rahamin Topaz, 24, was sentenced today to eight years in prison for conspiring to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), a designated foreign terrorist organization. Samuel Rahamin Topaz previously pleaded guilty to a charge of one count of conspiring with others to provide services and personnel to ISIS.

SOURCE: 1 May 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) New York – Veterinarian Implanted Liquid Heroin in Puppies for Columbian Drug Traffickers

(U) Brooklyn – A veterinarian pleaded not guilty yesterday to US charges that he turned puppies into drug couriers for a Colombian trafficking ring by stitching packets of liquid heroin into their bodies. Andres Lopez Elorza appeared in federal court in Brooklyn after being extradited from Spain, where he was arrested in 2015 on a US warrant. It is believed that the dogs were sent on commercial flights to New York City, where the drugs were cut out of them, authorities said.

SOURCE: 1 May 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Texas – Dozens With White Supremacist Gang Ties Arrested

(U) Dallas – Federal authorities say 57 people associated with white-supremacist gangs in Texas have

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been indicted on drug trafficking charges on 30 April, including four accused in a kidnapping in which a hatchet was used to chop off a victim's finger. An indictment alleges the defendants were members of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas and other gangs. Prosecutors allege the scheme operated from October 2015 through this month as members conspired to distribute methamphetamine in Texas.

SOURCE: 1 May 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) France – 109 in Custody in Paris Over May Day Violence**

(U) Paris – Some 109 people were in custody in Paris today, suspected of offenses including carrying prohibited weapons and firing projectiles after May Day protests against reforms by French President Emmanuel Macron turned violent, French authorities said. Interior Minister Gerard Collomb visited the site of yesterday's heated demonstrations in the city's Left Bank less than 24 hours after six cars were burned, a McDonald's restaurant was smashed up and automobile shops were vandalized. Authorities blamed the violence on masked attackers from a libertarian group called the Black Blocs that numbered around 1,200 people in total and were on the margins of the 20,000-strong protest.

SOURCE: 2 May 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Libya – Suicide Attackers Target Headquarters of Libya's Electoral Commission

(U) Tripoli – A group of militants, including suicide bombers stormed the head offices of Libya's electoral commission in Tripoli, today, killing at least 11 people and setting fire to the building. Security forces engaged in a gun battle with the assailants as they tried to regain control of the offices, said an electoral commission spokesman, who fled the building with other staff as the attack unfolded. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, but it appeared aimed at derailing efforts to organize elections in Libya by the end of this year, part of a UN-led attempt to unify and stabilize the country after years of turmoil.

SOURCE: 2 May 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nigeria – Blasts Kill Nearly 20 People in Northeast Nigeria

(U) Yola – Blasts in and around a mosque killed around 20 people in the northeastern Nigerian town of Mubi, yesterday, according to the police commissioner of Adamawa state. The blasts bore the hallmarks of Islamist militant group Boko Haram and follow the 26 April attack by the jihadist group on Maiduguri, the capital of neighboring Borno state, which killed four people.

SOURCE: 1 May 2018, [Reuters](#)

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